EXCLUSION REQUEST NO. 4

a. Product Name: Corrosion-Resistant Alloy Steel for Precision Press Parts
HTSUS Classification: 7225.91.0000

b. Technical Description:

Corrosion-Resistant Alloy Steel For Precision Press Parts is an alloy sheet product that is electrolytically coated with either pure zinc or zinc-nickel and is used in the production of laserbeam printer parts. This product comes in two varieties with thickness parameters as follows:

Variety 1	Thickness of 0.6 mm or more but less than 1.0 mm, with a thickness tolerance of +/- 0.05 mm
Variety 2	Thickness of 1.0 mm or more but less than 1.6 mm, with a thickness tolerance of +/- 0.04 mm

c. Basis for Exclusion Request:

NSC has produced Corrosion-Resistant Alloy Steel for Precision Press Parts to meet the particular needs of one U.S. end-user, **[ ]**, which uses this product to produce laserbeam printer parts. This product should be excluded from the scope of any Section 203 import restrictions because U.S. mills are unable to meet the strict tolerances to which this product is produced. Thus, NSC understands that no U.S. mill can produce Corrosion-Resistant Alloy Steel For Precision Press Parts with the thickness tolerances achieved by NSC and required by **[ ]**. Specifically, NSC understands that the domestic mills **[**

]. In contrast, and as noted above, NSC can produce Corrosion-Resistant

Alloy Steel For Precision Press Parts meeting **[ ]** requirements for thickness tolerances of +/- 0.05 mm (Variety #1) and +/- 0.04 mm (Variety #2).

No viable substitute for these products are produced in the United States. Accordingly, NSC understands that, if this product were to become unavailable, production operations of NSC's only U.S. customer of this product, **[ ]**, would be brought to a standstill.

d. Names and Locations of Any U.S. or Other Producers:

NSC is not aware of any other company that can produce corrosion-resistant alloy steel with the precise thickness tolerances noted above, which are required for **[ ]** production of laserbeam printer parts.

e. Total U.S. Consumption:

Because NSC is unaware of any other producer (in the United States or elsewhere) that can produce the varieties of corrosion-resistant alloy steel noted above, NSC has estimated total U.S. consumption as being equal to NSC's total U.S. exports. These figures are as follows:

[Index: 1996 = 1.00]

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Qty (ST)	[1.00	0.67	1.20	0.44	0.53]
Value US $	[1.00	0.66	1.12	0.41	0.46]

NSC's estimates of future U.S. consumption (based upon NSC's projected U.S. sales) are below. **[**

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	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Qty (ST)	[				]
Value US $	[				]

f. Total U.S. Production:

As noted, there is no U.S. production of corrosion-resistant alloy steel meeting the thickness tolerances stated above.

g. U.S.-Produced Substitute, Total U.S. Production of Substitute, and the Names of Any U.S. Producers of the Substitute:

As noted above, there are no substitutes for Corrosion-Resistant Alloy Steel for Precision Press Parts. Accordingly, NSC understands that, if this product were to become unavailable, the production operations of NSC's only U.S. customer of this product, **[ ]**, would be brought to a standstill.